

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: Victor S. Chang
YOUNGER AHLUWALIA et al.	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 1794
Application No.: 10/766,649	)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 4007
Filed: January 27, 2004	)	
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For: COMPOSITE MATERIALS	)	

November 26, 2008

Mail Stop: **Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW AND  
REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

Applicants appreciate the time extended by the Examiner on at least July 29, 2008 and November 19, 2008 to discuss the finality of the Office Action of April 29, 2008. During those conversations, the Examiner agreed that the finality of the Office Action of April 29, 2008 was improper. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner re-open prosecution, vacate the Office Action of April 29, 2008, and issue a new Non-Final Office Action such that Applicants are afforded a full and fair opportunity to respond to the Office's new rejection rationale.

Applicants point to MPEP § 706.07 which states that "[t]he examiner should never lose sight of the fact that in every case the applicant is entitled to a full and fair hearing, and that a clear issue between applicant and examiner should be developed, if possible, before appeal." Since, under 37 C.F.R. §1.113(c), the Notice of Appeal of September 26, 2008 was a